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SUBJECT: DKG Quarry - expanding to large clay mine operation - M/015/041  
State Identification Number: UT960108-010

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC), representing the State of Utah, has reviewed this proposal. Comments from state agencies are as follows:

## Division of State History

No historic properties have been recorded within the project area because no historic properties' surveys have been conducted. Based on the computer model of the area, there is a potential for archaeological sites. The potential for effecting cultural sites in this area by this kind of operation is possible, therefore our office recommends a cultural resource survey for the project area.

This information is provided on request to assist the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining with its state law responsibilities as specified in U.A.C. 9-8-404. If you have questions, please contact Jim Dykmann at (801) 533-3555. (Please refer to Case No. 96-0075).

## Division of Wildlife Resources

A survey should be conducted within a one-half mile radius of the proposed mine expansion for nesting ferruginous hawks. Ferruginous hawk nests are found on the ground, hillsides, or in large live or dead trees. They are usually composed of sagebrush, sticks, juniper bark, rubbish, and cow dung. If nesting hawks are found within a one-half mile radius, we request that mining operations be reduced to small mine operations between April 15 and July 5 when the young fledge.

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The mining area is in desert bighorn sheep habitat. We request the opportunity to review and make recommendations for the seed mix to be placed on the site after mining operations cease. If moisture and soil conditions permit, we specifically recommend that a dry land alfalfa, such as Ladak or Nomad, be added to the seed mix.

If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Ben Morris or Bill Bates in our Southeastern Regional Office at (801) 637-3310.

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Utah State Clearinghouse at the above address or call Carolyn Wright at (801) 538-1535 or John Harja at (801) 538-1559.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad T. Barber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brad" and last name "Barber" clearly distinguishable.

Brad T. Barber  
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